

1 **REPORTING SHIPPING RATES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR MULTIPLE**
2 **SERVICES AND MULTIPLE CARRIERS**

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4 **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

5 The present invention provides apparatus, systems and methods for displaying to each
6 of a plurality of users upon each user's request a preview of shipping rates and delivery
7 schedules for the particular user to ship a particular package, wherein each user accesses the
8 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and
9 wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications
10 network. The present invention compares shipping rates and delivery schedules for each
11 service and each carrier for shipping a particular package and reports the carrier and service
12 offering the lowest rate or the fastest delivery schedule, according to the user's option.

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